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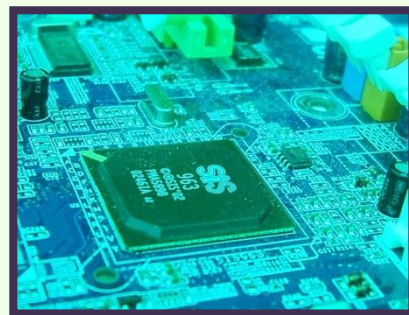
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Not everyone can make it to the training sessions that we sometimes hold after school, but that doesn't mean you have to miss out on learning opportunities.

You can find basic training files for Notebook 10.6 (the Smartboard software) on our **teachers' drive**. If we are installing a Smartboard in your room, then the upcoming holidays are a great opportunity to familiarise yourself with this program.

Electroboard, suppliers of our Smartboards, have some great [training files](#) on their website. They provide online training, video conferences and online videos for basic to advanced users.

Microsoft offers [online training modules](#) in their Office 2003, 2007 and 2010 products. These are a click-through course that you can complete at your own pace.



[Breakkie with a Teckie](#) is 30 minutes of teacher identified training. It is a video conference run every Wednesday morning from 8 till 8 30 discussing a variety of Web 2.0 tools and software. For information on how to join the conference, see Kim or Sarah.

While you're working through any online training or just exploring on your own, there is always support available to you.

If you join [Yammer](#), there are 10 000 DET employees more than happy to answer questions.

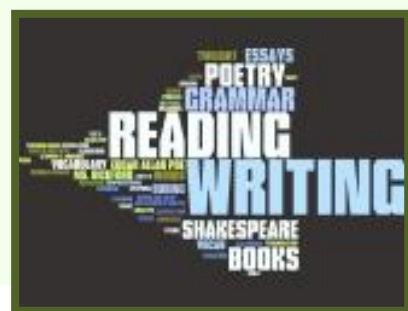
You are also a member of [ICT in The Bowl](#), the blog for this newsletter. Just leave a comment with a question and someone will be able to help you.

The best way to learn is to just jump in and have a go.

WEBSITE...



Wordle is an easy to use website that allows you to create colourful word clouds. Simply type or paste in a set of words and Wordle creates the image for you. Words will be sized according to their frequency; this makes Wordle ideal for brainstorming or key word activities.



**WEBSITE...**

The Khan Academy is a not-for-profit organisation offering resources for online learning to everyone, free of charge.

They have a huge library of video tutorials for many areas of maths from 1 + 1 right through to calculus.

With a Facebook or Google account, students can log in to complete practice tasks, and teachers can monitor results.

This would be a great website to have open on classroom computers during maths sessions to use as a support or extension resource. Maybe create a class Google account for students to sign in with.

Stop your USB stick or portable hard drive picking up viruses.

1. Run a scan on it
2. Create a folder called AUTORUN.INF in the root of the stick.
3. Create a TXT file in that folder, it can contain any text.

Done! No more viruses.

ARTICLE...

[The Place of Virtual, Pedagogic and Physical Space in the 21st Century Classroom](#)

This is a paper discusses a design project at the Sydney Centre for Innovation in Learning.

They have created a space that caters for personalised learning in an ICT-rich environment.

While we obviously don't have the space or resources, we may take on board some of the theory behind the design elements, and incorporate this into planning of our own classrooms.

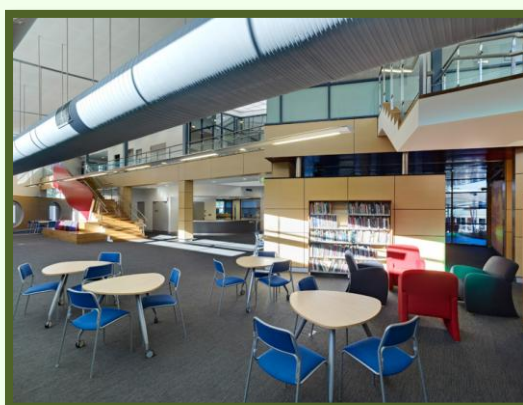


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INFORMATION...

Often, when we prepare a web based lesson, or find a Web 2.0 tool at home, everything goes belly up on the day when we discover the resource is blocked by DET.

Those days are gone, because you are about to find out how check those resources online.

Log in to DET Portal and go to the 'My Applications' tab. Scroll down to 'Internet Filtering- Web Filter Check'. This will take you to a page where you can paste in one or more URLs and it will let you know if the site is blocked for either staff or students.

If a site is blocked, you can apply to have it unblocked. Make sure you do this well in advance though as it will not happen instantly. Go to the 'My Websites' tab, scroll down to 'ICT Service Desk' and click. On the next page, click on 'request IT support' then work through the form. You can also make a request to have a site blocked on the same page.

PLEASE do not log a request for anything other than block/unblock. All other requests need to go through the maintenance book.



Follow the Leaders

Darcy Moore, Dapto High's DP, blogs about the role of digital technologies in transforming learning. Darcy won an award for his blog in 2010.

You can subscribe at [Darcy Moore's Blog](#)



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Lino is a great Web 2.0 tool that has many applications in teaching and planning

It gives you a noticeboard and post it notes, lets you post videos, images and text in a range of colours and lets and share your board.

Sign up for a free account for yourself and your class and get access to another great brainstorming tool.

Lino would also be handy for planning sessions and meetings.

Why not set up a board as an online reflection journal for your class at the end of a topic?

